

Hal, Paul, Gary

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Early this morning I almost completed consolidating the three different "Liebeler" files I've maintained for different purposes. Two things, in the lucidity of the predawn day, struck me as potentially important, ~~XXXXXXXX~~ I had not noted one earlier and the second is now of different significance.

The second is in a letter Hal wrote me 7/6/67, quoting Liebeler from KGO. He said, "The Commission and FBI were quite aware that Ferrie had flown this airplane over to Texas the day of the assassination...stack of FBI reports on their investigation about a foot thick."

One of the things for which I expect to be suing is the suppressed Ferrie material. This is, accurate or not, a description of

- a) the file and
- b) contents not subject to classification.

I will not be deeply disturbed if the government says Liebeler, the man in charge of the "conspiracy" investigation, says what is not so. But until they say it I shall not assume that he exaggerated that much. Nor would I be grieved to learn he knew as little of the case as "Ferrie had flown this airplane over to Texas the day of the assassination" reflects, if they alleged that also to be an error. This would not serve to build a judge's confidence in the federal word.

If any of you has any clippings on his numerous comments on the Ferrie case/file other than these, I'd appreciate copies:

LA Times 2/24/67 (similar to NY Post 2/23/67)-Ferrie "cleared" after extensive investigation; a reference in the SF Chronicle "This World" 2/26/67, story not on him; 8/6/67, Times-Pic, a ton this, in case any of you wants it, reports his avoidance of the N.O. subpoena while in New Hampshire. I have other Liebeler clippings from Calif., but mostly of his scrap with Lane or his use of the Schiller duplication of the nose shadow. For AGENT OSWALD I will want everything I can get on him.

Hal and Paul both asked me to speak to Dave a year ago when I was there. We spoke on the phone for about two hours. During the course of this, when I heard him on his lies about the Receda business, I also accused him of acting as Liebeler's running dog. He then hotly and vehemently denied it, said Liebeler hates him as much as he does me, and claimed never to have gotten a single thing from him, nothing of any character. At that time I asked him if he had an extra copy of the Liebeler 9/6 memo on Chapter IV, which one of you had copied from his "book" for me. I didn't get it from the Archives because there it cost \$3.20. I offered to pay him his xeroxing cost, which was a fifth of this. He said sure, he had extra copies, and he'd be glad to send me one at no cost because he didn't need it anymore. It hasn't happened. Now, in handling this copy from his publication this morning, I was struck by a rare omission, unique to my recollection except for one case: it has no file identification on it. More, it is typed in a format other than the Commission's. From this I believe it is not unfair to suspect that Liebeler gave it to him, which is fine, but it makes a liar of Dave on what I regard as an important issue, his relations with Liebeler. On other things I needed no persuasion. If his publication indicates the Commission file reference, I'd like to check and compare, and see if there is anything else on the subject in it, if one of you would please let me know. If this brief is not in that file, or is there in a different form, it would be somewhat interesting...And if one of you has a photographic print of the LIFE rifle cover he used at UCLA, I'd appreciate being able to borrow it, for it, in the xerox of the "Bruin" article, is in a respect important to me clearer than the LIFE cover I have.

Sincerely, HW